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Activity Books
Entertain and Teach

Keeping Our Kids Safe

Zack Rabbit and Lenny Lizard can help your kids learn to be safe around desert washes and when riding bikes,

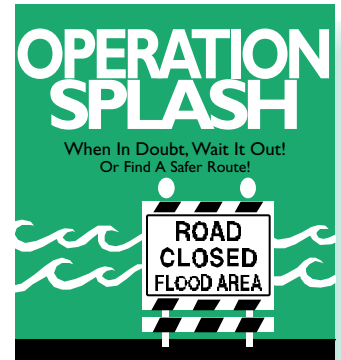
walking to school, or playing in the neighborhood. The coloring and activity books, "Desert Wash Safety" and "Traffic & Pedestrian Safety", have both won national public education awards from the American Public Works Association. To download or view these award-winning activity books, visit the City of Tucson website at www.ci.tucson.az.us and go to the **Youth** link.

Operation Splash

When In Doubt, Change Your Route!

Yes, it's true. Sometimes it rains in Tucson. And when it does, it can take just minutes for Tucson's dry arroyos to

transform into torrents of raging water. During the summer months, workers from TDOT's Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division mobilize to insure the traveling public is aware of flooded streets and dip crossings. As part of Operation Splash, barricades and warning signs are put into place to keep motorists out of these extremely dangerous crossings. TDOT has identified 163 locations in the City that are prone to flooding during summer thunderstorms. During intense storms, that number can double. When traveling in these areas never drive around or move barricades and "Road Closed" signs. Be alert to the dangers of flowing water over a roadway - and change your route.



TransFacts

Tucson's Transportation System Includes

1,712 Miles of roads and streets in Tucson

14.5 Million riders on Sun Tran last year

5,883 Traffic related injuries in Tucson in 1999

Citizens Who Make a Difference

He's a Certified Public Accountant, so you wouldn't expect Dale Calvert to be immersed in City transportation issues. But Calvert has spent the past 13 years as a member of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC).

"Transportation is a critical issue the community needs to deal with and I believed I could help," said Calvert of his desire to get involved with CTAC back in 1989. "CTAC is very crucial. The community has to have input on transportation planning and operations."



CTAC members advise the Mayor and Council on a range of transportation issues including budget, the capital improvement program and

policy issues. "More people in the community need to have a better understanding of Tucson's transportation problems and the range of solutions we can use to solve them," Calvert says. "CTAC takes its responsibility very seriously and tries to help carry those messages to the citizens of Tucson," Calvert says. "If we work together, we can improve our transportation system."

Kurt Hough Cares for Your Streets

Give TDOT Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division Supervisor Kurt Hough a few minutes of your time and you will find out his passions are his wife, seven children and his new Harley Davidson. In his next breath, you will hear about his enthusiasm in making sure the streets you travel on are safe and sound.

"My job is more than a paycheck," says Hough,

who supervises a crew of 14 people in an area bounded by the city

limits to the north and south,

Country Club Road to the west and Kolb Road to the east. "I get a great sense of pride knowing that we put out every effort to make sure the public is safe on our roadways."



Hough, a native Tucsonan, and his crew are responsible for maintenance on all city streets, drainage ways, washes and dip crossings in their area. They repair potholes and help put up barricades and warning signs during Operation Splash and Operation Freeze. While in the field, Hough likes to talk with City residents about what he does. "We work for the public and whatever their desire is, we try to accomplish," he says. If you happen to see Kurt out taking care of Tucson's streets, stop and ask him how it's going. He works for you.

Avoid Delays Where Improvements are Underway

Getting Around Town

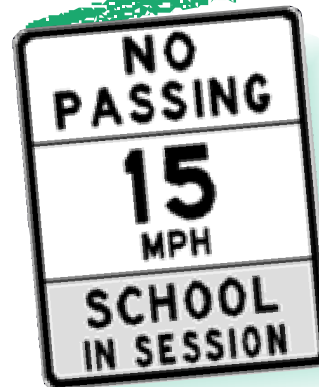
Walking, driving or riding, street improvements have a way of adding time and stress to your trip. You can often avoid these areas if you know where construction work is underway. Listed below are some of the improvement projects that are now underway or are planned for the near future and their anticipated completion dates. We list all TDOT's current projects on our web site at www.ci.tucson.az.us/transportation.html.

While driving in construction zones, please remember to obey the speed limit and watch for heavy equipment and workers in or near the roadway. Thanks for your patience as we work to improve the efficiency and safety of Tucson's transportation system.



Traffic Flow and access to businesses are always maintained by TDOT during street improvement projects.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE</u>
22nd Street/Wilmot Road <i>Intersection Improvements</i>	December 2002
6 th Avenue <i>President St. to Rodeo Wash</i>	February 2003
Harrison Road <i>Speedway Blvd. to Old Spanish Trail</i>	March 2003
Mountain Avenue <i>Grant Rd. to Ft. Lowell Rd.</i>	March 2003



School Zone Safety

School is back in session and with it comes hundreds of school zones throughout the community. Please drive cautiously in school zones and obey the 15-mile per hour speed limit. Watch for crossing guards as well as children in the crosswalk. Remember, it's illegal to pass another vehicle while you're driving in a school zone

or to pass a school bus in the roadway that is picking up or dropping off children.



Questions? More Information?

If you have a question about Tucson's transportation system, you can write to us at "Destinations", PO Box 27210, Tucson, AZ 85726-7210. Letters will be answered in upcoming newsletters.

If you would like to be added to the *Destinations* mailing list, call 791-4371 or email mgraham1@ci.tucson.az.us.

Does That Pothole Belong to the City, County or State?

Whose Street Is It?



TDOT is responsible for the streets, roads and washes inside the city limits. But there are many roads and highways in the

metropolitan Tucson area under the jurisdiction of Pima County and the Arizona Department of Transportation. If you have questions about maintenance, repair, traffic signals or signs inside the city limits, call TDOT at 791-4371. Also please remember that construction work in our streets is

not always conducted by TDOT. Projects in our roadways and streets are also done by utility companies, Pima County Wastewater, Tucson Water and other local water utilities.

And with over 1,700 miles of streets to maintain within the city limits, TDOT's Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division workers rely heavily on citizens like you to help report damaged signs, potholes, traffic signal malfunctions and other serious road and maintenance concerns. If you see something you think we should know about, please help us out and report it immediately by calling 791-3154.

Improving our Transportation System



Work Continues to Complete Final '94 Bond Project

TDOT has been attempting for several years to begin one of the last projects promised to voters from the 1994 Bond Election. The widening project along Wetmore Road between Fairview Avenue and Oracle Road is on hold until property owners can reach an agreement on the improvement district. The project will begin soon after the improvement district is approved.



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CTAC Meetings Open to the Public

The Tucson Department of Transportation Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) is appointed to provide citizen input on a host of transportation issues including planning and funding transportation improvements. CTAC meets every other week, usually on the first and third Tuesday of the month. These meetings are open to the public and are held at the Public Works Annex, 2121 E. Broadway beginning at 5:30 PM. For more information, call 791-4372.

